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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING.

1. SOVIET MIDDLE EAST COMPLAINT. I CALLED IN SOVIET CHARGE VASEV TO RESPOND FURTHER TO HIS COMPLAINT LAST SATURDAY ABOUT CY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP. HANDING OVER A NON-PAPER, I DESCRIBED AND DOCUMENTED THE GROSS INACCURACY OF THE REPORTS ON WHICH THE SOVIET COMPLAINT OF EXCLUSION WAS ASSERTEDLY BASED. WE WERE PUZZLED AND SURPRISED, I SAID, BY THE ACCUSATORY TONE OF THE SOVIET APPROACH, ADDING THAT IF THEY HEARD REPORTS THAT CONCERNED THEM ON A MATTER OF THIS KIND, THEY SHOULD SIMPLY ASK US AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO CLARIFY. FINALLY, I TOLD VASEV THAT WE REGRETTED THE BITTER CAMPAIGN THE SOVIET PRESS LAUNCHED AGAINST CY'S TRIP AND HOPED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTROL ITS

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OFFICIAL PRESS IN ORDER NOT TO ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR GOAL OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AT AN EARLY DATE. VASEV SOUGHT TO ATTRIBUTE THE SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS TO THE VIEW THAT THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND I TOLD HIM THIS LEFT ME TOTALLY PUZZLED SINCE CY HAD DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS ARDUOUS TRIP TO FINDING WAYS TO ACHIEVE SUCH PARTICIPATION.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MET TODAY TO CONSIDER UPCOMING AID LOANS AND GRANTS, AS WELL AS IFI LOANS, TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS ARE UNSATISFACTORY.

THERE ARE TWO UPCOMING INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) LOANS AND TWO AID GRANTS TO URUGUAY. IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT IN VIEW OF THE EXTREMELY BAD HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN URUGUAY, WE WOULD URGE THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW THE IDB LOANS AND THAT IF THEY REFUSED, WE WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE LOANS ON THE GROUNDS THAT URUGUAY IS A GROSS VIOLATOR. SINCE THE TWO AID GRANTS ARE INTENDED TO GO TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS RATHER THAN THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT, AID WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE GRANTS IF IT CAN SATISFY ITSELF THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT IN FACT CLOSELY TIED TO THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT.

THERE ARE TWO PROPOSED AID LOANS TO PARAGUAY. SINCE THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT MADE GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENT TO INVITE THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO PARAGUAY, WE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE LOANS NOT BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME.

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WE AGREED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF LOANS AND GRANTS TO BOLIVIA, GUATEMALA, HAITI AND TOGO, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INFORMING EACH GOVERNMENT THAT WE VIEW THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN ITS COUNTRY WITH CONCERN, AND THAT WE ARE TAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DECISIONS. IN EACH CASE, WE WILL ALSO VOICE OUR HOPE FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. FINALLY, WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH A SMALL AID LOAN TO EL SALVADOR IN VIEW OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

3. SWAPO. TALKS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE CONTACT GROUP AND SWAPO ENDED TODAY ON A FAVORABLE NOTE. SAM NUJOMA MADE A POSITIVE REPORT TO THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AND A PRESS RELEASE STATED THAT THE TWO SIDES FEEL THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND AGREE TO MEET AGAIN.

AFTER MUCH BACKING AND FILLING, SWAPO MADE THE FOLLOWING CONCESSIONS:

-- A CEASEFIRE CAN TAKE PLACE AFTER THE PARTIES HAVE

REACHED AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIAN
INDEPENDENCE.

-- SOUTH AFRICA CAN APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL,
PROVIDED ALL SIDES UNDERSTAND THAT THE UN SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE HAS A VETO OVER HIS ACTIONS.

-- SWAPO WILL NOT OPPOSE CONTINGENCY PLANNING BY WALDHEIM
FOR THE UN ROLE IN NAMIBIA.

4. IRAN. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH AN IRANIAN DELEGATION ON
A POSSIBLE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT CONCLUDED
YESTERDAY. WHILE SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE, OUR REQUIREMENT
THAT THE AGREEMENT GIVE US CONTROL OVER THE DISPOSITION
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OF SPENT FUEL REMAINS A MAJOR STICKING POINT. ALTHOUGH
THE IRANIANS APPARENTLY DO NOT INTEND TO DO ANY RE-
PROCESSING IN IRAN, THEY REMAIN UNWILLING TO GIVE UP
THEIR RIGHT TO DO SO. A POSSIBLE SOLUTION WE ARE
EXPLORING MIGHT BE TO INCORPORATE SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS
FOR SPENT FUEL DISPOSITION, EXCLUDING REPROCESSING, INTO
AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT. WE WILL BE TALKING TO THE
IRANIANS AGAIN AFTER THE NEW LEGISLATION IS ENACTED. CHRISTOPHER

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